

## March 2018 Newsletter

The Taft Chamber is planning for a busy Spring. In addition to organizing the car show, coming up in May, the Chamber is beginning the fundraising effort for the 2018 Taft Fireworks Show. There will be three "Fund the Fireworks" dates, the First Friday of April, May, and June to receive contributions from the community, which allows the show to be provided to our community for no charge.

Be sure to read through the newsletter for information on all of these events. To reserve your spot, call the Chamber at 661-765-2165, email <a href="mailto:taftchamber@gmail.com">taftchamber@gmail.com</a>, stop by 400 Kern Street, or on our website at www.taftchamber.com.

March 22—March Onto Center Street

Downtown Taft shopping, raffles, champagne, and more, 5-8pm

March 28—Breakfast with Assemblyman Vince Fong
City of Taft Transit Center, 9-10:30am, \$10 donation, RSVP today!

**April 5**—State of the City Luncheon "Build it and They will Come" OT Cookhouse, 12-1:30pm

May 5—10th Annual Car, Truck, and Bike Show
Rails to Trails, Food & Craft Vendors, Live Music, & Awards, 7am-3pm

May 8—Candidates Forum for Primary Election on June 5, 2018

Location and Time TBD

July 4—Taft Fireworks Show 2018
Rails to Trails, Food & Craft Vendors, Live Music, Fireworks Show @ 9pm

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5TH ANNUAL WIND WOLVES
PRESERVE 2018 THATURE FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018
SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018



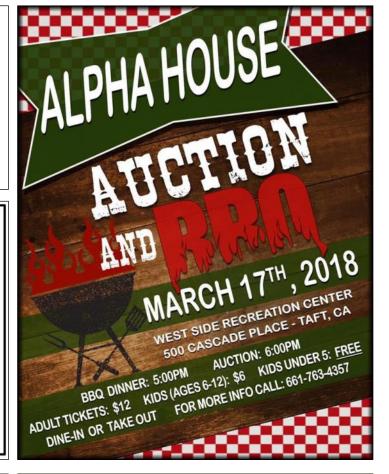


How can your company help
Taft Union High School's Oil Technology Academy Students?

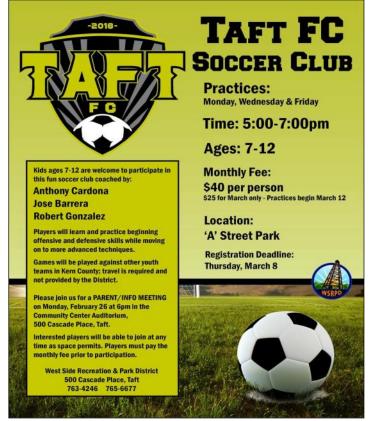
## Save the Date Career Day – Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 2018

Taft Oil Union High School Oil-Technology Academy is hosting a Career Day on Wednesday, April 4th, 2018, and we are looking to our business partners for participation. Our goal is to have companies set up display booths and let our students circulate and learn more about our business partners and career opportunities.

Contact: Ted Pendergrass at <a href="mailto:lpendergrass@taftunion.org">lpendergrass@taftunion.org</a>







## Chamber Happenings

### BREAKFAST W ITH ASSEMBLYMAN VINCE FONG Wednesday, March 28, 2018

The Taft Chamber is hosting a **Breakfast with Assemblyman Vince Fong** on <u>Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 9am</u>. We would like to invite you to attend and encourage you to pass along this email to anyone in our community you think may be interested in attending. Since it is during Spring Break, we are hoping to get some students from Taft College and TUHS who may be interested in government or politics as well.

In order to properly prepare, we need to get a count of those of you who are interest and will be able to attend. Please send me an email as soon as possible with the number of reservations and a contact email. Mark the date on your calendar!

The Chamber breakfast will be a \$10 donation. Local businesses are working together to cover the costs for students and those who cannot pay, so as to not cause any deterrence or hardship to attending.

Email your reservation to taftchamber@gmail.com

Thank you and look forward to seeing you on March 28!





# March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6pm, Kern COG Awards Dinner @ Seven Oaks Country Club	2 Read Across America 6pm, First Friday Car Cruise on Center Street	3 Wind Wolves Preserve Nature Festival
4 Wind Wolves Preserve Nature Festival	5	6 6pm, City Council Meeting	7 9am, Sit n' Sip w/ WSRPD 4pm, Planning Commission 6pm, Industry Night @ Petro-	8	9	10
11	12	13	9am , Sit n' Sip Kern EDC Economic Summit	4pm, Ad Hoc Meeting @ City Hall NOR Business Expo @ Hodels	16 6pm, Sorop- tomist St. Patrick's Day Bunco @ The Fort	17 10am, Little League Pa- rade, Center St 5pm, Alpha House BBQ & Auction
18	19	20 6pm, City Council Meeting	9am, Sit n Sip 4pm, Chamber Board Meeting 6pm, Rotary Reverse Draw- ing @ the Fort	5-8pm, March Onto Center Street, shop- ping, sales, raffles, and more	23	24
25	26 SPRING BREAK	27 SPRING BREAK 12-6pm, Houchin Blood Mobile @ Taft Chamber	28 SPRING BREAK 9am, Breakfast with Assembly- man Vince Fong	29 SPRING BREAK	30 SPRING BREAK	31



#### **April 2018**

1, Easter Sunday
3, TUHS Honors Night
4, TUHS Oil Tech Career Day
5, State of the City @ OT's
6, Fund the Fireworks on Kern St.
14. Taft ARC BBQ

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19, Chamber Mixer @ West Kern
Adult Education Network
20, Taft College Al Baldock Golf
21, TUHS Hall of Fame, Rotary
Health Fair, & Westside Youth for
Christ

26, Fort Wine Tasting

#### **May 2018**

4, Fund the Fireworks on Kern St, Pre-Car Show Cruise Night5, Taft Chamber Car, Truck, and Bike Show 8, Candidate Forum
19, Soroptomist Garden Tour
23, Chamber Board Meeting
28, Memorial Day
30, TUHS Graduation

#### **June 2018**

Fund the Fireworks on Kern St.
 Lincoln Graduation
 Moron Golf Tournament
 Chamber Board Meeting

#### **July 2018**

4, Taft Fireworks Show

#### August 2018

School Starts 29, Chamber Board Meeting

#### September 2018

26, Chamber Board Meeting 29, Taft Chamber Golf Tournament

#### October 2018

11, Bubba's Okie Dinner 24, Chamber Board Meeting 27, Taft Chamber GalaWeen

#### November 2018

1, Fort Fall BBQ 14, Chamber Board Meeting 17, Chamber Trout Fishing Derby 22, Thanksgiving

#### December 2018

3, Taft Christmas Parade
6, Fort Gift Show & Dinner
7, Photos with Santa
12, Chamber Board Meeting



First Baptist Church is hosting the **Westside Youth for Christ** dinner on Saturday, April 21, at 6pm. If
you would like to attend the dinner or host a table,
please contact First Baptist Church at 661-7633138 by April 16th. The church is located at 220
North Street, Taft.

#### **Taft College Seeks Hall of Fame Nominations**

Taft College is recognizing individuals who have had a major impact no the College. Taft College Hall of Fame honors former students, teams, coaches, administrators, faculty, staff, and community members who have excelled through competition, made a difference in the lives of our students, or been strong supporters of Taft College.

Contact Melissa Black at mblanco@taftcollege.edu or visit www.taftcollege.edu/hall-of-fame to find more information.

Deadline to submit is March 15th.

# Rudos Cocktails









Congratulations to our award winners!

**Business Man of the Year:** Les Clark Jr,

**Business Woman of the Year:** 

Yvette Mayfield

**Business of the Year:** 

Cooper's True Value

**Volunteer Award:** 

**Esther Livingston** 

**Community Service Award:** 

TUHS Career Technical Education Center















#### Thank you to our silent auction donors & event sponsors!

Shannon Grove for Senate
Cooper's True Value
West Kern Water District
United Security Bank
Aera Energy
Roger Miller Insurance Agency
Jan Ashley

St Andrews Church
Taft Midway Driller
Cast a Stitch
Every Penny Counts
Old's Cool
West Side Health Care District
Bill & Verna Black



## ESSAGES FROM OUR MEMBERS

#### SOROPTIMIST of TAFT

**PRESENTS** 

#### BUNCO MADNESS FUNDRAISER 2

ST. PATRICK'S DAY EDITION
"THE FORT" 6:00 PM
FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2018

Cost: \$25 per person

20 Tables

4 Games

Raffle tickets: 3 for \$5, or 20 for \$20 Raffle prizes - at the end of each game

No host bar

Water and soda provided

Hors d'oeuvres

Dessert



#### **BUNCO PRIZES**

Most Buncos \$200
Traveling \$100
Most Wins \$50
1/2 & 1/2 \$25
Most Losses \$25

Lucky Leprechaun coins will be given out to track Buncos!

LET THE SHENANIGANS BEGIN!







## TAX REFORM REQUEST FROM CONGRESS

In December, the House of Representatives passed the largest reform of our tax code in over thirty years! These reforms not only lower tax rates for individuals and families, but provide much needed relief to small businesses—the backbone of our local economy.

As tax reform continues to positively impact the lives of Americans across the Country, it's important to highlight how the new law is growing our economy, creating more jobs, and delivering bigger paychecks to Central Valley workers.

Businesses throughout the Valley will be experiencing the positive impacts of the tax reform. Please, feel free to email Anna.Vetter@mail.house.gov or call (202)815-1685 to share local stories of business success within your community.

#### 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Jordan Miller Roger Miller Insurance Agency

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> Sharon Hill Taft Union High School

**Deanna Jacobs** 

Every Penny Counts

Kathy Johnson Taft Community Garden

Sandy Koenig Westside Community Resource Center

> Jamie Little Synagro

Yvette Mayfield City of Taft

**Heather Mueller** St. Andrew's Church

**Kevin Patel** Best Western Taft Plus Inn

> Alicia Price Aera Energy LLC

> **Dennis Schertz** Asian Experience

**Harry Starkey** West Kern Water District

Jerry Starr West Side Health Care District

> **Adele Ward** Taft City School District

# Thank you to new and returning members for February 2018

Membership renewal packets for 2018 are in the mail. Please consider joining us for another great year in Taft! If you would like a membership packet, please call us at 661-765-2165 or taftchamber@gmail.com. Memberships are affordable and allow your business the opportunity for exposure through our weekly emails, monthly newsletter, office, and referral services to residents and visitors to our community.

> American Business Machines AmeriFirst Financial, Inc. NMLS 145368 California Resources Corporation Central Mother Load Regional Consortium Chevron Country Tire & Wheel Hodel's Dining \*\*Independent Oil Producers Alliance J. Sterling Bryan, D.D.S., P. C. Jo's Restaurant **Joyce Properties** \*\*Maggie Blackwell Fine Art Midway Laboratory Personal Style Salon & Boutique Pizza Factory \*\*Reiuv' MB \*\*Rhino Dirt Safe 1 Credit Union Soroptimist International of Taft State Farm, Julie Franks Agent Taft College Bookstore

> > Taft Community Gardens

Taft Host Lions Club

Taft Petroleum Club Inc.

Taft Sky Sports, Inc.

West Kern Adult Education Network

\*\*new members

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**Executive Director**: Dr. Kathy Orrin kathy.taftchamber@gmail.com

**Director of Operations**: Shannon Jones shannon.taftchamber@gmail.com

www.taftchamber.com

## 10th annual Car Truck & Bike Show

### Saturday, May 5, 2018 Rails to Trails

7am-9am—Registration

Judging begins at 10am

(Supply Row & Main Street, Taft)

Rails to Trails Bike Path, Main & 6th, Taft)

#### Pre-Register \$25, Day of Event \$30

Pre-registration includes T-Shirt & Goodie Bag (by May 1)

#### **Pre-Party Cruise Night**

Food, shopping & Cruisin' Center Street

Friday, May 4, 2018 on Center Street

#### SHOW ENTRY FORM

Name:		District Chamber of Convers
Name:		CATEGORIES Pre 48 Open Top
City: S Phone: Email: Year: Make: Mor T-Shirt Size: S - M - L - XL - Car Club Affiliation: Yes, I would like to sponsor an ar \$65 FOR YOUR NAME ON 3 PLACE	del:  XXL (Pre-Register ONLY)  _ # Entries in this show:  ward class! Category:	Pre 48 Closed Top  48-73 Stock  48-73 Modified  Foreign/European  Corvettes  Mustangs  Muscle Car  Modern Muscle  Project/Construction/Rat Rod
Register online or mail ent Taft Chamber of 400 Kern S Taft, CA 93 (661)765-2165 phone ( www.taftcham	Commerce treet 3268 661)765-6639 fax	Special Interest/Custom Pre 48 Truck, SUV 49-58 Truck, SUV 59 and up Truck, SUV Motorcycle

#### Car Show Guidelines

- 1. Parking is First Come, First Serve. If you are with a group, you may tell us upon check-in and we will try to accommodate parking.
- 2. Car Show Participants will park along the Rails to Trails in the grass areas with set up for pop-ups and chairs behind their vehicles.
- 3. For safety reasons, all umbrellas or pop-ups <u>MUST</u> have bags or weights or they will be required to be taken down.
- 4. Only registered vehicles will be allowed to be set up along the bike path on the Rails to Trails. Parking in the areas surrounding the trail is available for additional vehicles or those attending the show.
- 5. Vendors are only allowed to set up in designated areas along the bike path closest to the intersection at Main Street and 6th St.
- 6. Stage and awards will be presented at the stage at Main Street and 6th Street at 2pm.
- 7. Judging will occur from 10am— 12pm by 5 selected individuals
- 8. The Chamber, City of Taft, vendors, volunteers, and businesses is released from liability that can occur from participation.

Forms must be received by the Chamber by Tuesday, May 1 to be guaranteed a goodie bag & t-shirt.					
Signature:	Print Name	Date			

# Car Truck & Bike



# Saturday, May 5, 2018 Rails to Trails



If you or your company would like to be a part of the 10th Annual Rails to

sponsor, vendor rorm	<b>Trails Car, Truck, and Bike Show</b> , there are several ways to get involved.
	Please fill out this form and return to the Taft Chamber of Commerce.
Sponsorships due by April 18 & Ve	endor Forms by May 1. Register online at www.taftchamber.com.
1 Become a sponsor at t	the Limousine level (\$1,000): Name and Logo on event t-shirt, poster, and
banner, recognition on event	calendar, newspaper, and at the event, and vendor booth with sponsor yard
stake along the trail	
2. Become a sponsor at t	he Cadillac level (\$500): Name on event t-shirt, banner, and poster, &
	and at the event, and vendor booth
	the Sports Car level (\$250): Vendor booth & recognition in the newspaper and
at the event	, and the same of
4. Reserve a <b>Vendor Spa</b>	ce (\$50): 12'x12' space for the car show Saturday, May 5, 2018 (see box at
	uirements) - Chamber members—contact me for special pricing!
· ·	of an item or gift certificate. Items need to be delivered to the Taft Chamber
	e event program or can be delivered at the event.
zy may 1 for recognition in the	s event program or can be delivered at the event.
Name of Sponsor/Vendor:	
Contact Name:	(Sponsors: Do you need a vendor booth?Yes No)
Phone:	Email:
	Visa/Mastercard (Call for details)
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VENDORS—Please fill out:	
tems Sold:	
Food Vendor? Yes No.(	If yes, must provide copy of permit) Vehicle Trailer
Make checks p	payable to the Taft District Chamber of Commerce and mail to:
	Taft District Chamber of Commerce
	400 Kern Street
	Taft, CA 93268
	(661)765-2165 phone (661)765-6639 fax
ender his/her application. In consideration	o participate in the Taft District Chamber of Commerce Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show, does hereby of this application, the undersigned does hereby release the City of Taft, the Taft District Chamber of rs and all respective staff, volunteers, and agents from any and all liability arising from the event.
	Print Name Date
<ul> <li>Vendor space fee is for use of the property for Saturday's Car show.</li> </ul>	We limit the number of a specific vendor. 1 for a specific brand, 2-3 of same  You are only allowed to sell the items listed on your application. If there is an

- Vendor spaces are 12x12—Trailer parking is **NOT** available behind your booth.
- All vendors are responsible for providing awnings, tables, chairs, power, water, etc.
- Vendor spaces are assigned based on when the application is submitted and the product sold.
- item, and a variety of several food & drink vendors. First come, first serve!
- In order for you to sell any food or drink, you MUST have a temporary food • facilities permit from KC Environmental Health—please attach a copy.
- You must obtain a City of Taft business license—Call Maudene at 661-763-1222
- issue and your item is not listed on your form, you may be asked to stop selling that item(s).
- You will be contacted the week of the event to get your vendor assignments.
- Questions? Call 661-765-2165 or shannon.taftchamber@gmail.com